Representations submitted . by Pradhikaran Pravasi Sangh Nigadi Pune Basic Facility

1820. DR. BABPU KADATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pradhikaran pravasi Sangh, Nigadi, Pune, have in a charter of Demands requested for increasing the number of locals in Pune-lonawala-Bombay section of the Central Railway besides providing basic facilities to the passengers at the railway stations on this section;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered the demands;

(c) if so, what is the decision, if any, taken by Govenment in this regard; and

(d) if answer to part (c) above be in the negative by when a decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) to (d) Works of provision of foot-over-bridge, cover over platform and flooring on platform have been taken up. However, increase in the number of locals on Pune-Lonavla-bombay section has not been found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

Conversion of Rajkot-Veravai Railway from MG into B.G.

1821. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Chief Minister of Gujarat has recently represented to Central Government for conversion of Rajkot Veraval Metre Gauge into Broad Gauge and its extension upto Kodinar; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken on the request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The hon'ble Chief Minister has been replied to that the line would be taken up for conversion when the -' availability of resources improves.

Joint funding of B.G. line from Dally to Rajhara

1822. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration for joint funding of the new 235 km. long broad gauge line from Dally to Rajhara-Dautevada in Madhya pradesh, between the Ministry of Steel and the Railways; * and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The proposal has been sent to Planning Commission for approval.

Introduction of New Trains between Delhi-Jalandhar-Delhi sector

1823. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are finalising arrangements to introduce new trains and increase the frequency of some trains between Delhi-Jalandhar-Delhi Sector; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Not at present.

(b) Lack of resources and traffic justifications.